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TO INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT.

2. BELIEVE YOUR STRONGEST ARGUMENT IS LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION. ON THIS, WE DISAGREE WITH STAVROPOULOS VIEW (REFTEL B) THAT "ARAB ECONOMIC LEAGUE" COULD BE ESTABLISHED. IT IS OUR OPINION PRINCIPLES STATED PARAS 2(A) AND 2(B) IN REFTEL A WOULD APPLY EQUALLY BOTH TO WEST ASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION AND TO ARAB ECONOMIC LEAGUE. SPECIFICALLY, IT IS INCUMBENT UPON ARABS TO SHOW(1) WHY THE FUNDAMENTAL AND OVERRIDING LEGAL PRINCIPLE-- SOVEREIGN EQUALITY OF STATES FROM WHICH STEMS RIGHT OF ANY STATE IN A REGION TO PARTICIPATE--SHOULD BE VIOLATED; (2)IN WHAT WAY THEIR CRITERIA ARE UNIQUELY RELEVANT OR GERMANE TO FUNCTIONS OF ECOSOC; AND (3) IN WHAT WAY ARAB ECONOMIC LEAGUE IS NOT IN FACT A GEOGRAPHIC OR REGIONAL COMMISSION. IN ADDITION, CRITERION "ARAB" OR "ARABIC SPEAKING" HAS NO ECONOMIC FUNCTION OR RELEVANCE. IF ARAB STATES WANT TO SET UP ARAB GROUPING FOR AN ECONOMIC PURPOSE, IT CAN BE DONE OUTSIDE OF UN (E.G. AS ANCILLARY ARAB LEAGUE ORGAN), BUT IF AN ECOSOC COMMISSION THAT IS REGIONAL IN SCOPE IS SET UP, IT MUST INCLUDE ALL RPT ALL STATES WITHIN THAT REGION.

3. IF, DESPITE YOUR GOOD WORK, POSTPONEMENT DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE WON MAJORITY BY TIME OF THURSDAY MEETING, YOU AUTHORIZED MAKE GENERAL STATEMENT THERE URGING POSTPONEMENT BASED SOLELY ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL ARGUMENTS PLUS NEED FOR FURTHER STUDY. IF POSTPONEMENT STILL NOT ACCEPTED, YOU SHOULD VOTE AGAINST ENTIRE RES. YOU MAY USE FACT WE INTEND CAST NEGATIVE NOTE IN ANY WAY YOU FEEL USEFUL PRIOR TO THURSDAY MEETING IN SEEKING RALLY SUPPORT FOR POSTPONEMENT. ROGERS

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